

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS OF  
H.R. 1022, THE GEORGE E. BROWN, JR. NEAR –EARTH OBJECT SURVEY ACT  
OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN ROHRABACHER

Sec. 1. Short Title. The George E. Brown, Jr. Near-Earth Object Survey Act.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

Sec. 4. Near-Earth Object Survey. Directs the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to establish a program to detect, track, catalogue, and characterize the physical characteristics of near-Earth asteroids and comets equal to or greater than 100 meters in diameter in order to assess the threat of such near-Earth objects in striking the Earth.

Amends the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 to include a Congressional declaration that the general welfare and security of the United States require that the unique competence of NASA in science and engineering systems be directed to detecting, tracking, cataloguing, and characterizing near-Earth asteroids and comets in order to provide warning and mitigation of the potential hazard of such near-Earth objects impacting the Earth.

Requires the Administrator to submit each year for the next five years a report summarizing the activities the Administrator takes with regard to the Near-Earth Object program and a summary of expenditures, and a plan and budget request for the program.

Authorizes \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the program.